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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
GROUP ART UNIT 3676

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Applicants : Fabrice FOUGEROLLE
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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 3, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 10, without prejudice, as follows:

B) 1. (Amended) A sealing arrangement which includes a sealing ring having a sealing lip which is curved forward in the direction of an area to be sealed off and pre-tensioned so as to surround and form a seal around a circumference of a machine element to be sealed off,